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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10: (Withdrawn)

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A method of preventing or treating a prion disorder ~~characterized by amyloid deposition~~ in a mammalian subject, comprising administering to the subject a dosage of an agent effective to produce an immune response comprising antibodies against an amyloid component derived from a prion precursor protein (PrP) including genetic variants of the PrP associated with hereditary amyloidosis characteristic of said disorder and an adjuvant that augments the immune response to the amyloid component, and thereby preventing or treating the disorder.

Claims 12-13: (Canceled)

Claim 14. (Original) The method of claim ~~13~~ 11, wherein said agent induces an immune response directed against a neoepitope formed by said amyloid component with respect to said precursor protein.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~13~~ 11, wherein said amyloid component is ~~selected from the group consisting of AA, AL, ATTR, AapoA1, Alys, Agel, AeyS, A β , AB₂M, ASer, AScr PrP D178N, Acal, ALAPP and synuclein NAC fragment.~~

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said agent is ~~selected from the group consisting of AA, AL, ATTR, AapoA1, Agel, AeyS, A β , AB₂M, AScr, Acal, ALAPP and synuclein NAC fragment~~ or PrP.

Claims 17-18: (Canceled)

Claim 19. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said agent is a peptide linked to a carrier molecule~~protein~~.

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Claim 20. (Canceled)

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~20~~11, wherein said adjuvant is selected from the group consisting of QS21, monophosphoryl lipid, and alum and Freund's adjuvant.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said ~~immunological~~ immune response is characterized by a serum titer of the antibodies of at least 1:1000 with respect to said amyloid component.

Claim 23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein said serum titer of the antibodies is at least 1:5000 with respect to said ~~fibril~~ amyloid component.

Claim 24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said ~~immunological~~ immune response is characterized by a serum ~~amount~~ titer of ~~immunoreactivity~~ the antibodies against the amyloid component corresponding to greater than about four times higher than a serum ~~level~~ titer of immunoreactivity antibodies measured in a pre-treatment control serum sample.

Claim 25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein said serum ~~amount~~ titer of immunoreactivity the antibodies is measured at a serum dilution of about 1:100.

Claims 26-57: (Canceled)